

## **COLORADO CATTLEMEN'S AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

CCALT's stewardship philosophy promotes private land stewardship and ensures the defense and enforcement of every CCALT held conservation easement.

Landowner relationships represent the foundation of our stewardship program. CCALT believes that personal, honest and open relationships with each of our landowners is the best way to ensure that our perpetual stewardship obligations are met. Because the agricultural community differs in significant ways from the larger landowning community, CCALT intentionally employs a unique approach to stewardship with its landowners. This concept is based upon, (1) a deep understanding of the agricultural community in which we operate; and, (2) a great respect for privacy and recognition of a landowner's ability to make individually responsible management decisions related to the day to day activities on protected properties.

CCALT accepts a stewardship endowment and legal defense contribution for every conservation easement project which is completed. These funds are used to pay for the perpetual stewardship obligations that CCALT incurs when accepting a conservation easement. CCALT monitors each conservation easement annually and works diligently with landowners to resolve stewardship related issues quickly and efficiently.